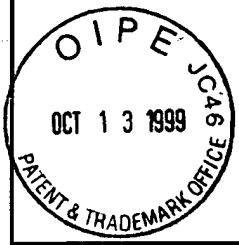


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    Saccharide In Personal Care )  
    Products ) EXAMINER: G. Brouilletette  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated August 3, 1999, please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 1, step b, replace the word "other" with -- active --.

Amend claim 44 to read as follows: